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SUBJECT: ZIONISM EQUALS RACISM RESOLUTION

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MINAH INDICATED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT STEVENS UP-COUNTRY OVER THE WEEKEND HE HAD MADE A DECISION THAT GOSL SHOULD NOT ONCE AGAIN TAKE LEADERSHIP IN ATTEMPT TO DEFER CONSIDERATION BY UNGA OF ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE. HE SAID THAT POSITION TAKEN IN THIRD COMMITTEE HAD ACCURATELY REFLECTED GOSL POLICY BUT THAT GOSL UNWILLING TAKE LEADERSHIP IN UNGA ON ISSUE THAT SEEMED DOOMED TO BE UNSECESSFUL.

2. MINAH WAS OUTSPOKEN IN HIS CRITICISM OF ZIONISM-RACISM LINKAGE. HE INITIATED COMMENTS ABOUT DAMAGING EFFECT ON UN ACTIVITIES AND IRRATIONAL MANNER IN WHICH THIS LINKAGE HAS TAKEN PLACE. HE SEES ISSUE AS HAVING BEEN ARAB ATTEMPT TO RUN AROUND OAU DECISION NOT TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN, AND FEARS THAT STRONGLY HELD AFRICAN HOPES FOR RACISM DECADE WILL BE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED BY UN ACTION. IN SPITE OF THIS, MINAH SEES NO CONTRADICTION IN GOSL VOTE TO ABSTAIN, EXPLAINING THAT IT WAS TAKEN WITHIN THE CONTEXT
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OF GOSL POSITION THAT UN REQUIRED FURTHER STUDY

OF ISSUE. HAVING TAKEN THAT POSITION, GOSL COULD
NOT NOW VOTE FOR OR AGAINST LINKAGE.

3. COMMENT: HIGH LEVEL GOSL DELEGATION, LED BY
PRESIDENT STEVENS AND MINAH, SCHEDULED TO DEPART
NOVEMBER 17 FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO LIBYA. PURPOSE
OF VISIT IS TO SOLICIT FUNDS TO HELP BAIL OUT
DETERIORATING GOSL FINANCIAL SITUATION. THAT FINANCIAL
SITUATION SEEMS TO BE WORSENING, AND VICE-PRESIDENT
KOROMA MADE SURPRISE TRIP OVER WEEKEND TO EUROPE
REPORTEDLY TO SEEK LOAN TO ALLOW GOSL TO PAY
CURRENT SALARIES. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT HOPES
FOR SUCCESSFUL LIBYAN TRIP WERE FACTOR IN GOSL'S
ABSTAINING. END COMMENT.
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